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The Honorable Beverley K. Swaim-Staley Maryland Department of Transportation 7201 Corporate Center Drive P. O. Box 548 Hanover, Maryland 21076

re: Cecil County FY 2012 Transportation Priorities

Dear Secretary Swaim-Staley:

This letter is written with regard to the transportation priorities submitted by Cecil County to the Maryland Department of Transportation for FY 2012, specifically including: 1) the extension of MARC Penn Line commuter rail service from Perryville to Elkton, Newark (DE), and Wilmington (DE) and, (2) traffic management improvements to the intersection of MD 213/Route 40, in Elkton. *The Town of Elkton endorses these priorities*.

Additionally, the Town of Elkton is requesting that the Department and the State Highway Administration initiate planning to replace the MD 7D (Delaware Avenue, Elkton) bridge over the Big Elk Creek, specifically with a bridge incorporating features to prevent the collection of stream debris during flood events and provides pedestrian safe crossing.

We realize that projects competing for funding in a challenging economic climate must be prioritized in order to provide the greatest benefit to the public, but we feel that, at least, the *planning phase* of the MD 7D – Big Elk Creek bridge replacement be given priority consideration.

We appreciate your continuing service to the citizens of Maryland and extend our best regards for continuing success in your leadership of Maryland's Department of Transportation.

Sincerely, and with kindest regards,

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Joseph L. Fisona,

Mayor

